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PERSONAL.

Dr. W. E. Allen is ill with the grip.

Miss Genevieve McCann has resumed her studies at Manhattanville.

Miss Estelle Lewis is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Street, at Dalton.

Attorney J. Alton Davis left yesterday for the south, where he will spend the winter.

Mrs. I. Banister and son, Walter, have returned from a several weeks' visit in New Jersey.

Miss Donahoe, of New York city, and Miss Walker, of Pittston, are the guests of Scranton friends.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Gurney, of Onondaga, formerly of this city, have returned home after a visit with friends here.

The engagement of Miss Alice Undergraff, of Elmira, well-known in Scranton, and Matthew Arnot, also of Elmira, is announced. They will be married in February.

James F. O'Malley, the well-known tax agent and ex-battler of Filmore avenue, will be married today in New York, to Miss Anastasia McHale, formerly of Dunmore. Both are popular young people and have hosts of friends in this city. They will return here after a brief wedding tour and make their home on Filmore avenue.

Professor W. S. Castellan, of Pittston, this state, has for several days been in Altoona, instructing the blacksmiths of the railroad shops in a new method of making and dressing tools, by which these tools will endure greater strain and do more work than by the unscientific method common at present. The professor has for forty years been a steel worker and first came to Altoona last November, at the solicitation of Master Mechanic C. W. Stratton, to instruct the machine shop tool dressers. This is consequently his second trip, and his students are the men in the Juniata and car shops. He will shortly make a round of all the Pennsylvania railroad shops in the country.—Altoona Times.

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HOOD'S PILLS are prompt, efficient, never fail, easy to take, easy to operate.

Nickel plated Skates at Florey's, 706, Other grades in proportion.

A Happy Man

Is he whose feet rest comfortably in our correct-made shoes. The most attractive of Bull Dogs if you want—any other shape toe if you wish.

There's no other Winter Shoe like Our Tan "College" Boot.

\$3.50 The Pair.

SCHANK & SPENCER

410 Spruce Street.

EXCELSIOR CLUB'S NEW YEAR BALL

Was Given With Distinct Success in the Organization's Rooms.

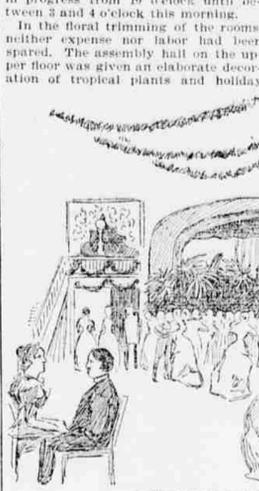
ARTISTICALLY CONDUCTED EVENT

Ball Room Converted Into a Bower of Beauty and the Decorations in the Parlors and Banquet Hall Were Lavish and Beautiful—Bauer Furnished the Music—Delectable Supper Was Served at Midnight.

The annual New Year's ball of the Excelsior Social club was given last night in the club rooms in the Economy building on Wyoming avenue, and with the pronounced regard for good taste and exquisiteness of detail which attends this yearly event. The Excelsior club's membership represents Scranton's best known Jewish element.

About one hundred persons were present from Scranton and a score or more from out of town. The ball was in progress from 10 o'clock until between 3 and 4 o'clock this morning.

In the floral trimming of the rooms, neither expense nor labor had been spared. The assembly hall on the upper floor was given an elaborate decoration of tropical plants and holiday greens by Florist Clark. A dense bank of palms and ferns on the stage screened the musicians and the same kinds of plants were arranged in the two corner balconies, over which large banquet lamps shed a cheery glow. Ropes of pine were suspended along the ceiling.



INTERIOR OF THE BALL ROOM.

young fellows stopped him and asked for a match. He gave it to them and resumed his journey, but before he went many feet, one of them grabbed him from behind and the other struck him repeated blows with a "bludge." He struggled with all his might to stop them from taking \$15 which he carried in the inside pocket of his vest. They got his watch and stripped the buttons of his overcoat, coat and vest and took out of the sleeves from the overcoat searching for his money.

His cries awoke the residents in the vicinity and the robbers fled for fear of detection. He was brought to John J. Coyne's hotel and washed. The top of his head was one continued wound the size of a person's hand, and it is a wonder the blows hadn't fractured his skull. One of his teeth was loosened from a blow in the mouth. He is about 50 years old and was employed in the carpenter shop of the South Steel mill until recently. He had a flask of whiskey in a pocket of his overcoat, but was not under the influence of liquor.

Bludger hit the finger of one of his assailants, he says, so that an ugly wound was inflicted. This may lead to the detection of the highwaymen.

SUN SPOTS VISIBLE.

You Can See Them If You Look Through a Smoked Glass.

A fine opportunity for a popular study of sun spots is afforded by an unusually large and interesting group now visible to the naked eye, protected with a piece of smoked glass. The group appeared upon the sun's eastern limb a few days since, and by the rotation of the great orb will reach the western edge and disappear in a week or ten days.

The use of a small spyglass will enhance the examination, while a telescope of very moderate capacity will easily disclose even the penumbra of the most conspicuous members of the group. The diameter of the group from east to west is about 140,000 miles, and the largest single spot, with its penumbra, occupied an area some 25,000 by 20,000 miles. It is startling to conceive that this cavity in the hand of a Titan, without any risk of scorching the sides. There are several groups of spots visible at present, widely separated from each other.—Philadelphia Ledger.

THEIR GREAT ANNUAL BALL.

To Be Given by the Wilkes-Barre Press Club.

The Wilkes-Barre Press club ball for 1897, which is to be given at the Ninth regiment armory, Wilkes-Barre, on Wednesday, January 20, promises to be the greatest ball ever given in this part of the state and a large number of Scrantonians are going to attend. One of the many features will be the music, which will be furnished by Pennsylvania's most famous bands, Bauer's, of this city, and Alexander's, of Wilkes-Barre. The bands will be combined to give the concert for the first hour and then they play dance music alternately, so that the dancing will be continuous all night. The decorations will be gorgeous.

A special train will leave after the ball for Scranton and intermediate points and every convenience will be arranged for the comfort of out of town visitors. Tickets can be secured from T. J. Walker, of Reese & Long's, 312 Linden street. Ticket for lady and gentleman, \$2; lady's ticket, \$1.

INCREASED DEATH RATE.

Abnormal Prevalence of Contagious Disease.

The city death rate continues to run high. Normally there are about 35 deaths per week, but for over a month these figures have been exceeded and last week there were 47 deaths from all causes.

According to the board of health records there were last week 16 new cases and 4 deaths from diphtheria, 1 new case of scarlet fever, 4 new cases of measles and 4 deaths from consumption, a total of 21 new cases and 8 deaths.

ACCOUSTICS WILL BE IMPROVED.

They Are Bad at Present in the Main Court Room.

There was much disappointment expressed yesterday over the poor acoustical properties of the remodelled main court room. They were bad before and now they are if anything worse.

Architect Lacey admits that at present there is little or no improvement, but claims that before he gets through with it there will be no cause for complaint. It is extremely difficult, he says, to make a good job of the room, as it was never properly designed, but he is confident that he can vastly improve upon the acoustics. One of his plans is to lower the chandeliers and string fine wires across the room midway between the floor and ceiling.

Hardly a fair test could be given yesterday, as there were carpenters working all through the building and the sound of their hammers above and on both sides of the court room kept up a continual noise.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Dr. J. C. Williams' Castoria is the best for infants and children.

HIGHWAYMEN AT WORK.

They Held Up Louis Batsky of Pittston, Near Lazy Man's Corner in Minooka Yesterday Morning.

Louis Batsky, of Pittston, was waylaid by highwaymen in Minooka and robbed early yesterday morning. He missed the last car Sunday night and was walking home. He reached what is known as "Lazy Man's Corner" in Minooka about 1 o'clock yesterday morning when two

of Scranton, letters of administration were yesterday granted to the widow, Bertha Landau.

Court yesterday granted the petition of the supervisors of Carbondale township to levy but one eighth-mile tax to pay out the indebtedness.

Only three of the traverse jurors for the week failed to put in an appearance: Edward Evans, of Scranton, who failed to report; J. J. Monaghan, of Carbondale, excused, and Frank E. Tappan, of Carbondale, who failed to appear.

John Van Bergen, the treasurer of the Scranton poor district, yesterday filed his bond in the sum of \$4,000, with H. C. Shaffer, P. J. Ruane, George Y. Hoffman with Jonathan Rotham as sureties. It was approved by Judge Archbald.

Bail was yesterday entered by Jacob Krynski in the sum of \$200 for John Linowski, charged with cheating. Patrick McCormick entered bail in the sum of \$500 for James McCormick, charged by Minnie Spangenberg with attempted criminal assault.

The following executions were issued yesterday: J. E. Heywood against T. P. Letchworth, for \$200; William Watson and William H. MacMellon, executors, against William P. Sandway, for \$300; From P. J. Ruane, George Y. Hoffman with Jonathan Rotham as sureties, for \$3,525.33; Ignatz Uram against Erik Basilia for \$1,000.

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VERDICT FOR DEFENDANT.

Judge Edwards directed a verdict for the defendant in the case of A. P. Campbell against Dr. William Haggerty. The suit was brought on a \$200 judgment note which the defendant gave to protect stock bought on margin at Lutz & Vostburg's office. Court held that it was a gambling debt.

The case of John H. Elvov against C. L. Teeter was called before Judge Edwards. Elvov is suing for \$15 for laying stone sidewalks in Green Ridge. Teeter alleges that the work was done for the Teeter Stone company and that they and not he should be made defendant. Boyle and Beale appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Sprague and Hurlinger & Vostburg for the defense. The jury was out at adjournment.

Just before adjournment the case of Mrs. M. J. Lesh, of Milwaukee, against the Hay Boot and Shoe company was called before Judge Edwards. The company sought through the sheriff on an execution against her husband a quantity of goods which she claims belong to her personally. Hurlinger & Vostburg are for the plaintiff and Mr. Torrey for the defense.

For a court suit for wages against Kaufhold Bros. was tried before Judge Archbald. M. J. Donahoe represented the plaintiff and Patterson & Wilcox the defense. Conroy earned \$14.00 working for the defendant. He played in the game of Lamereaux's farm, the amount of the claim was \$25.83. Mr. Manning appeared for the defendant.

Judgment for the plaintiff was entered in the wage case of R. Badders, administratrix, against Warren Steverson, in the case of H. S. Jacobs and Elizabeth Beach against the city of Scranton for damages, judgment to the amount of \$300 was entered in favor of Mrs. Beach and the case of Mr. Jacobs was ordered on the list.

For a divorce case fixed as the time for taking depositions in the divorce case of Charles Evans against Mary Evans, and Eivra Jones against Richard R. Jones. In the case of Mary Engle against E. E. Engle deposition will be taken February 3.

James Woolsey was directed to file a bill of particulars in the divorce proceedings against his wife and also required to show cause why he should not support her pending the proceedings.

Because the verdict could not be reconciled with the evidence Judge Edwards granted a new trial in the case of the B. N. McCoy Glass company against the Lackawanna Hardware company.

In the case of Thomas & Hopkins against A. P. O'Donnell, judgment was refused.

In the assignment of A. C. Meyers for the benefit of creditors the report of Walter E. Gunter, esq., auditor, was confirmed conditionally.

In the case of the Star Advertising company against the West New York Preserve and Manufacturing company, the sheriff is directed to sell perishable property.

A rule was granted in the case of Michael J. Clarke against Edward J. Fallon to show cause why the satisfaction entered inadvertently should not be stricken off.

In the case of Leonard against Leonard a receiver was allowed to sell the book accounts.

In the case of Hurley against the Delaware and Hudson Canal company court allowed a continuance of the rule and injunction until the last Monday of April.

The rule to dissolve the attachment of Mallard Driving Park association against C. P. Pick was continued until the next term of argument court.

COURT HOUSE NEWS NOTES.

Tax Collector T. E. Boland, of Dunmore, settled his 1896 duplicate yesterday.

Charles Haverdick, of Moscow, collected \$2 hourly on two foxes yesterday.

Court approved the charter of the Slavonic National Greek Catholic church of St. John yesterday.

In the estate of Isadore Landau, late

FIRST DAY IN THE REMODELED ROOMS

County Court House in Use Again After Being Repaired.

TWO SESSIONS OF COMMON PLEAS

Judge Edwards Holds That Speculating in Margins is Gambling and a Judgment Note Given to Protect a Margin is Not a Bona Fide Debt. Wages Can Be Attached for Wages. Other Doings of a Busy Day in the Court—Disposition of Rules.

After an absence of nearly six months court yesterday returned to the county temple of justice and assumed its sittings in the main court room and old No. 2. Judge Edwards presiding in No. 1, and Judge Archbald in the other.

It was the beginning of the January term of common pleas which will continue three weeks. Judges Archbald, Gunster and Edwards came on the bench at 9 o'clock and sat hearing motions and the like until 11 o'clock when Judge Gunster retired and the trial of civil cases was begun.

The following were continued: John Hartman against George F. Barber, Isaac B. Felt against Delaware and Hudson and Western Railroad company; Ackerman Brothers against D. & H. Canal company; Winton Coal company, limited, against Paineoost Company, Inc.; Storch against C. S. Von Storch, Emory G. Ehrgood against Moscow Water company; Frank Wells against city of Carbondale; William P. Connell et al. against Mary Zeidler et al.; Henry May against City of Scranton, Inc. company; W. M. Finn vs. M. J. Norton.

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CHINA.

A Thousand Pieces

Of lovely decorated China to be closed out. Many tea sets have one piece broken. Then there are hundreds of left over odd pieces that unless sold seem to get set back where salespeople forget them. We think it better to make it an object for you to come today and Monday and take what you want. Five counters, arranged this way:

No. 1 Counter Here are salad bowls, open edge cake plates, fancy plates, china syrup jugs, cups and saucers. Were 25c., 40c., 50c. and higher. Tour choice, 10c.

No. 2 Counter This includes Royal Bonn Vases, 5-piece china tea sets, orange bowls, large Bohemian vases and dozens of other pieces. Some were \$2.50. Choice, 98c.

No. 3 Counter Four-piece smoking sets, cracker jars, cake plates, large vases, bon-bon boxes, chocolate pots and other pretty articles. Choice, 60c.

No. 4 Counter Smoking sets, cracker jars, chocolate pots, sugar bowls and cream pitchers.

No. 5 Counter Moustache cups, Delft ware, cups and saucers, cake plates, syrup cups, celery holders and several hundred other odd pieces. Any piece on this counter, 9c.

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CHINA.

A Thousand Pieces

Of lovely decorated China to be closed out. Many tea sets have one piece broken. Then there are hundreds of left over odd pieces that unless sold seem to get set back where salespeople forget them. We think it better to make it an object for you to come today and Monday and take what you want. Five counters, arranged this way:

No. 1 Counter Here are salad bowls, open edge cake plates, fancy plates, china syrup jugs, cups and saucers. Were 25c., 40c., 50c. and higher. Tour choice, 10c.

No. 2 Counter This includes Royal Bonn Vases, 5-piece china tea sets, orange bowls, large Bohemian vases and dozens of other pieces. Some were \$2.50. Choice, 98c.

No. 3 Counter Four-piece smoking sets, cracker jars, cake plates, large vases, bon-bon boxes, chocolate pots and other pretty articles. Choice, 60c.

No. 4 Counter Smoking sets, cracker jars, chocolate pots, sugar bowls and cream pitchers.

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